

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

1-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Previously presented) An isolated peptide or polypeptide which is a fragment of the extracellular portion of the interferon receptor (IFN-R) of SEQ ID NO: 2, said peptide or polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence from position 27 to position 427 of SEQ ID NO: 2; wherein said peptide or polypeptide specifically binds to monoclonal antibody 64G12 deposited at the ECACC under no. 92022605.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously presented) An isolated peptide or polypeptide which is a fragment of the extracellular portion of the interferon receptor (IFN-R) of SEQ ID NO: 2, said peptide or polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence from position 1 to position 229 of SEQ ID NO: 2; wherein said peptide or polypeptide specifically binds to monoclonal antibody 64G12 deposited at the ECACC under no. 92022605.

26. (Previously presented) An isolated peptide or polypeptide which is derived from a peptide or polypeptide as claimed in claim 23 or 25 by substitution of one or more amino acid residues and which retains the ability to specifically bind to monoclonal antibody 64G12 deposited at the ECACC under no. 92022605.

27. (Cancelled)

28 (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) An isolated peptide or polypeptide ~~comprising~~ consisting of an amino acid sequence from position 1 to position 229 as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.

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30. (Currently amended) An isolated peptide or polypeptide ~~comprising~~ consisting of an amino acid sequence from position 27 to position 427 as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.